

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully note two disclosed compensation methods:

Group I, light ray compensation using quarter waveplates, Figs. 5-7; original Claims 1, 2-6, 7-13, 26, 31, and new Claims 38-55.

Group II, light ray compensation using half waveplates, Fig. 8; original Claims 14-25, 27-30, 31, and 37.

If the Examiner has any issues with the above election, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to resolve those issues. An interview request form is included for the Examiner's convenience should that be deemed necessary.

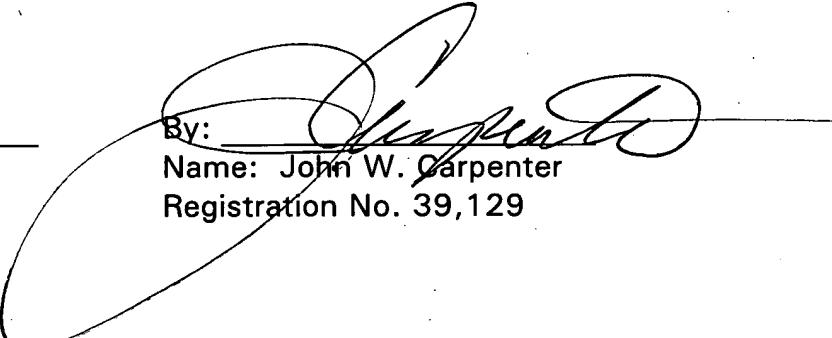
Applicants respectfully elect Group I for prosecution at this time.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is ready for examination. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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